

Health Committee Report

Teleconference

Dec. 6, 2011

12:00p.m.

Los Angeles County Commission for Women

Chair Commissioner Creary*, Committee Members: Rose Borja, Genevieve Clavreul*, Claudia Keller, Marie LaFargue*, Charlotte Lesser*, Antonia Routt, Jessica St. John, Pres. Yolanda Becerra-Jones* –Ex-Official. All Supervisorial District Health Deputies.

* Present

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1. Call to Order		The Health Committee Mtg. was officially called to order at 12:05p.m. followed by a roll call of all members on the call.	Chair Ruth Creary
2. Update on MLK Hospital	MLK King Hospital construction for the reopening is on schedule.		Chair Creary & G. Clavreul
3. Discussion on the Nursing Shortage and SB538-Elimination of the Nursing BOD.	<p>Genevieve gave the Committee an update on these two items. At the Oct. 12 BOD mtg. in San Diego, the BOD voted (5 –yes. 2- no, 1 –abstained) on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which has the nursing BOD to relinquish rights to the Dept. of Consumer Affairs. Gov. Brown vetoed the Sen. Bill.</p> <p>Pres. Becerra Jones apprised that an article appeared in the newspaper stating there is not a current nursing shortage. However, in CA, it is believed that the nursing shortage will continue with the recession.</p>	<p>Updates to be provided.</p> <p>It is requested that the Legislation Committee track the larger bill.</p> <p>Article on the shortage will be provided.</p>	<p>Dr. G. Clavreul</p> <p>C. Lesser</p> <p>Pres. Becerra-Jones</p>
4. Report on Susan G. Komen Circle of Promise Kickoff Event	<p>There are 90 + Community Partners, including our Commission. Marie informed that over 400 people were in attendance. 100 individuals took the Pink Out Info. One individual was screened, diagnosed with breast cancer and had treatment and follow-up. 23 were trained for the Worship in Pink Program.</p> <p>(See Full Report under separate cover previously submitted to the Commission and Health Comm.)</p>	Commissioner Creary and M. LaFargue will continue working with the Komen Fdtn. And will report back regularly.	<p>Marie LaFargue/ Ruth Creary</p> <p>Other participants: Commissioners Norma Gallegos & Veda Ward. Staff Rhonda Rangel</p>

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5. “Fit to a T” Osteoporosis Education Program	Pres. Becerra-Jones discussed the U.S. Bone and Joint Initiative’s free “Fit to a T” Osteoporosis Education Program and the availability in our Districts.	All Commissioners are encouraged to utilize.	Pres. Yolanda Becerra-Jones & other Commissioners
6. Psychiatric Services closure at Cedar Sinai Hospital	It was announced that Psychiatric Services was closing at Cedar Sinai Hospital. This closure will impact Chas. Drew University as well.	Commissioner Creary & other members of the Committee will attempt to obtain additional information.	Chair R. Creary/Comm. C. Lesser
7. Mind, Body & Spirit Conference	Commissioner Lesser reported on the successful Mind, Body, & Spirit Conference held on Nov. 16, 2011 @ the CA Foundation.		Comm. Charlotte Lesser

8. January is National Women’s Health observance & Cervical Cancer Awareness Month.	Women's Healthy Weight Day (Thursday of 3rd full week)	Commissioner Creary encouraged all to Know the Risk FACTORS and to discuss with their primary physician.	Each Commissioner & Health Committee Member
9. Next Meeting Adjournment	The next meeting will be scheduled as a teleconference before the end of March, 2012 on a Wed. or Thursday.	The committee will send any completed SMART GOALS/objectives prior to the next mtg. to be added to the Agenda. The meeting adjourned at 12:55p.m.	